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3. Channel Improvement

a. [redacted] the channel was being widened and also straightened [redacted] as the bend was being cut back some 50 to 60 ft.

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b. [redacted] concrete constructed four-lane highway cutting back into the Westerplatte Peninsula. This concrete construction, which had concrete block pilings as a base, rose from the channel of the Vistula River and from there extended inland.

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[redacted] a dredge working at the water's edge where this highway-like construction entered the Vistula River.

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4. Controlling Depths [redacted] vessel had a draft of 25 ft and experienced no depth problems.

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5. Barth

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At the berth [] the wharf [] raised four ft above the water and supporting a cotton storage warehouse that was 25-30 ft high and 500-600 yds long. [] the warehouse sat 30 yds from the wharf's edge and that at least two pairs of railroad tracks lie between the warehouse and the edge of the wharf. [] 10 cranes (three-ton) operating alongside wharf [] and nine cranes (three-ton) operating directly across the basin [] large stacks of various size steel plates which, for the most part, were $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick and some were two inches thick. At the east end of this basin in the Vistula River a floating crane was working. The type of work was not known.

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[] two storage tanks situated inland being 25 ft high and 40 ft in diameter. Between the tanks and [] vessel was an old brick building [] looking like a "country courthouse." Depth around this berth was reported at 33 ft.

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6. Minor Shipyard []

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[] three ships undergoing work there, one of which was described as a new ship with portholes below decks. It had just been red-leaded.

7. Naval Base In the Westerplatte Basin []

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patrol craft []

[] Inland near the entrance to Gdansk [] two long barracks (one wooden and one brick) [] estimated to have a capacity of 300-400 persons each. The uniforms observed were an olive drab color with personnel wearing the long trench coat and leather boots. The hats worn were the "overseas slant hat."

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9. Soviet Bloc Merchant Vessels

[] ship MIKOLAJ [] was registered in Gdynia, but had a Chinese crew aboard. They were loading 8-10 inch pipes that were approximately 24 feet long. They were also loading carboys of acid and large crates with Tientsin stamped on them. The crates were brought to the wharf on flat cars and source thought they might have contained machinery.

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Two small coasters, the NYSA and the USTKA were also sighted []

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b. At the soybean oil berth [redacted] the (Ru) ship CERTOTOP (Swiatogoe) [redacted] this ship [redacted] new and [redacted] it appeared [redacted] to be a combination passenger and merchant vessel. It carried six large life boats amidships and had two sets of kingposts forward of the bridge. [redacted]

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c. Two new Polish merchant ships were reported [redacted] to be in the bay outside of Gdansk. One of these ships was on a trial run from Gdansk to Gdynia; the other was lying at anchor. The source described these ships as C-3 size having a slant stem which he thought might indicate their icebreaking capabilities. Neither ship had its paint work completed.

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10. Cargo Operations [redacted]

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[redacted] Cranes were used to lift the cotton from the ship to the warehouse platform. The soybean oil was discharged by using the ship's pump and a 6" hose connecting the main 6" pipe. It took 24 hours to discharge the 1600 Tons of soybean.

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